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Attorney General Bruning: Theft From Elderly Mother Lands Daughter in Prison

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that Annigje (Ann) Perkins was sentenced to 16 to 20 months in prison by the Douglas County District Court for stealing \$43,214.40 from her elderly mother.

Perkins, of Sacramento, Calif., pled guilty to Theft by Unlawful Taking in December of 2009. Between November 2005 and September 2008, Perkins, acting as her mother's power of attorney, took money from bank accounts, cashed in two annuities and sold her mother's trailer home, keeping the proceeds for herself.

"Ms. Perkins abused her mother's trust to line her own pockets," Bruning said. "We depend our family members to protect us, not take advantage of us in our time of need."

The case was investigated by the Nebraska Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse Unit and was handled by its director, D. Mark Collins.

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